RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) invites you to attend its meeting, on <u>Wednesday</u>, Oct. 9, 2013. First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.

CATHLEEN CARON

GLOBAL WORKERS REQUIRE GLOBAL JUSTICE



The landscape of American employment is being dramatically altered by an expanding system of guestworker visas issued to hundreds of thousands of foreign workers. According to the best guess of the U.S. government, between 700,000 and 900,000 foreign citizens are working in the United States on temporary visas. They work in every field, from low-wage jobs in agriculture and domestic work, to information technology. The system is

vulnerable to misuse by employers who use foreign labor to undermine established wages and working conditions in the U.S.

Cathleen Caron is the founder and Executive Director of the Global Workers Justice Alliance, dedicated to combating worker exploitation by promoting portable justice for transnational migrants. GWJA operates through a cross-border network of advocates and resources. Its core work is to train and support a Defender Network, of human rights advocates in migrant sending countries, to educate workers on their rights before they migrate, to work in partnership with advocates in the countries of employment, and to advocate for systemic changes. GWJA operates programs in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Central America and regularly provides advice and referral for cases around the world. She will also discuss her advocacy work on immigration reform. Last year, GWJA released a report, *Visas Inc: Corporate Control and Policy Incoherence in the U.S. Temporary Foreign Labor System*, the first comprehensive analysis of the many visas that employers use and misuse to bring foreign workers into the U.S.

Ms. Caron received her B.A. from Dartmouth College and J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law. Dartmouth awarded her the Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Award for Ongoing Commitment, and from American University she received the Outstanding Law Graduate Award and the Peter Cicchino Award for Outstanding Public Advocacy, as a student then again as an alumna. In 2010, the American Constitutional Society bestowed on her the David Carliner Public Interest Award.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.